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E. O. 11652: DECLAS MAY 18, 1974

TAGS: OEXC, MA, JA, US

SUBJ: IV VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER RATSIRAKA

REF: STATE 83889

BEGIN SUMMARY: ON ASSUMPTION SECRETARY WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, FOREIGN MINISTER TRYING WORK OUT COMBINED VISIT TO JAPAN AND US WHICH WOULD FIT INTO DEPARTMENT' S SUGGESTION OF FIRST HALF JULY FOR TIMING OF LATTER. END SUMMARY.

1. AT DINNER MAY 17 I INQUIRED OF CLAUDE RATSIMANDRESY, DIRECTOR BILATERAL RELATIONS, MALAGASY FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHAT PRESENT THINKING IS ABOUT TIMEING FONMIN' S VISIT TO US. HE REPLIED THAT FONMIN RATSIRAKA AWAITING INFORMATION AS TO WHEN SECRETARY ROGERS WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON.
2. I REFERRED TO INFORMATION I PASSED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY 4 THAT DEPT SUGGESTING FIRST HALF JULY AS POSSIBLE TIMEFOR VISIT. I ADDED I ASSUMED THIS MEANT SECRETARY WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME. RATSIMANDRESY THOUGHT THIS PERIOD WOULD THEREFORE BE ACCEPTABLE AND SAID HE WOULD CHECK IT OUT WITH FONMIN.
3. AT RECEPTION MAY 18, JAPANESE CHARGE SONOYAMA TOLD ME HE SUMMONED MORNING MAY 18 BY FONMIN RATSIRAKA WHO PROPOSED THAT HIS VISIT TO JAPAN START JULY 3 FOR ABOUT A WEEK. RATSIRAKA ASKED FOR URGENT JAPANESE REPLY TO ENABLE HIM TO RESPOND TO US SUGGESTION

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ABOUT TIMING OF VISIT TO US.

4. COMMENTS: THIS STEP COINCIDES WITH RATSIMANDRESY' S COMMENT TO ME THAT RATSIRAKA STILL WANTS COMBINE VISITS TO JAPAN AND US. RATSIRAKA' S PLANS FOR VISITS TO JAPAN AND US WILL OBVIOUSLY REMAIN TIED TO TIME WHEN SECRETARY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON.

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